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**Horse Tales** 

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#### IMPORTANT NOTICE

#### For all residents in the following areas:

#### **PROJECT Part 1**

AREA A	Lantern Hill - #5212 - #5226
AREA B	Hennig - #2 - #16
AREA D	Hennig - #18 - #32
AREA E	Hennig - #17 - #31

#### **PROJECT Part 2**

AREA F	Hennig #34 - #48
AREA G	Hennig #33 - #45
AREA I	Hennig #47 - #57

The Board has entered into a contract with Topcoat Seal-Ing to replace the asphalt in the areas listed above. The project will begin in August and will be divided into two parts as noted.

On the first day of each Part, the contractor will remove the asphalt in all the affected areas. At the end of that day, he will construct a ramp so that residents will continue to have access to their garages. He will then begin repaying on day 2. As each area is repayed, residents will not have vehicle access for about 24 hours, and vehicles will need to be parked on the street. We will make arrangements with Whitehall Police during this time.

Obviously, we will not be able to project exactly how the schedule will work out on a day-to-day basis and therefore we will need to be able to communicate with residents daily. The only way to do that is by email. We need all affected residents to provide an email address for this purpose. Even if you are currently on our email alert program, please reconfirm your email address by sending an email to <u>SteeplechaseCommittees@hotmail.com</u>, with the subject "Asphalt". If you do not have email, we are hoping you can either rely on a neighbor, or, if possible, send us an email address of someone who will be able to keep you advised. This email list will not be used for any other purpose.

#### For all residents whether you are in the affected areas or not:

Topcoat has advised us that they would be interested in redoing private driveways. If anyone is interested in getting a quote from Topcoat, please send an email – with your name, address and phone number - to Randy Wolfe (jamesrwolfe@gmail.com). We will compile the list and turn it over to the contractor. He will contact you when he is about ready to start work in Steeplechase to give you a quote.

#### PRESIDENT'S NEWS Judi Lewis

Hello Everyone

Hope this finds you well and enjoying the beautiful Steeplechase spring.

And a few updates ..

Lampposts: We have ordered new Lamps for the posts at the entrance.

- Annual Inspection: Inspection letters will be sent out soon, if not already. Again we ask for your help. As I said in our last Newsletter - if you receive a letter, please don't ignore it. If you dispute what you are being asked to do, or if you find that you are not able to complete the maintenance work within the time specified, please let us know. If you just ignore the letter, it will ultimately lead to fines. No one wants that to happen.
- Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation. Please don't hesitate to call us if you have any questions or concerns. We will be happy to work with you to get these problems resolved.

#### **Steeplechase Rules**

Unfortunately, we seem to have residents who either don't read our rules or who think the rules don't apply to them.

In Steeplechase, we enforce our rules. This Board is convinced that our rules are necessary. Units in Steeplechase continue to maintain their value, and, we believe this is directly related to the maintenance and appearance of the Community. This effort requires ALL of us.

#### Some rules may need a little reminder:

Please pick up after your dog

- All dogs must be on leash when they are outside
- Trash cannot be put out any earlier than 3:00 p.m. on the day before scheduled pickup; and trash containers must be taken inside the residence no later than 8:00 p.m. on the day of trash pickup
- Any work done on the outside of your residence requires that an Alteration Request be submitted and approved PRIOR TO the start of the work
- ALL outdoor fires are prohibited this includes open flames, portable and/or permanent fireplaces, and fire pits.

Living in a planned Community requires a special sensitivity to neighbors because our actions can directly affect those living so close. Of course, we all have different values and priorities. Indeed, those differences help make us strong. The trick is to appreciate and respect the differences in others. A "popular" example is that some of us love our dogs – others, not so much. Some Steeplechase neighbors simply do not want dogs walking on their lawns and the dog lovers need to appreciate and respect that view.

If you ever need a special accommodation – for example, if you need to put your trash out early, or you need to have a dumpster parked in your driveway for a few days – PLEASE make those arrangements with us in advance. We are happy to work with you, but we can't read your mind. If we see a rule violation, you will receive a letter and possibly a fine unless you have arranged for a special waiver.

#### **OUR HEROS**

In my experience, heroes nearly always say something like "Oh, I'm not a hero, I just did what anyone would have done." You know, something along those lines.

As I've often said, to me ... we have a Community filled with heroes – our volunteers who "just do what needs to be done" without asking for rewards or praise. Today, though, I would like to honor some special heroes who really went above and beyond ...

**Randy Wolfe (5402 LHE) and Ray Fabiseski (5504 LHE) noticed** an area along Lantern Hill Extension and said to each other – You know, we could really improve this place with a little (excuse the hyperbole) effort. I got this note from Randy:

I have been trying to keep the underbrush and grape vines cleared out beneath the trees on the Steeplechase community property. This improves the property's appearance and protects the trees from suffocation by the grape vines. If this small bit of clearing was tied in with the additional mowing and tree planting at the foot of the Whitehall "Park" our street would look even better.

While remaining on the Steeplechase tract, I would like to trim a bit more from the area and start to remove a couple tree stumps, clear debris, etc. so the area can be easily maintained. Ray Fabiseski (Steeplechase neighbor) has a few tools and offered to help clear the area a bit more. The intent isn't to increase the area cleared as much as to better clear what has been started.

The two of them attacked. Drive down there and take a look.

**Josh Carver** and his wife, Jeannine, enjoy the Steeplechase picnics. This year the day started out perfectly – not too warm, bright and sunny, lots of friends and neighbors. OK, so it was a little (excuse the hyperbole) windy.

Just as Josh was making his way through the buffet line, the wind blew the bread basket liner into the Sterno and started a fire. Within seconds, the bread basket, was ablaze catching the tablecloth on fire. Josh did not hesitate – he grabbed the basket, flame and all, and ran out – away from the buffet and the line of folks. Josh did suffer some burns which we understand are not too severe. His actions defused a potential disaster.

THANK YOU TO ALL STEEPLECHASE HEROES – SPECIAL THANK YOU TO RANDY, RAY AND JOSH.

Judi Lewis



Chuck Chasler

#### **Committee Reports**

#### **Community Relations**

The Borough of Whitehall has entered into an agreement with Suburban Wildlife Management Solutions LLC to develop and conduct a managed archery hunting program in the Whitehall community. This will be conducted during the regular state bow season(Sept-Oct.) For details go to the Borough website, click For Safety, then Police Department, then Deer Management Program. Property owners and volunteer hunters are encouraged to contact SWMS at wildlifemanagementsolutions@gmail.com for more information.

#### Internet

Dave Alison

#### www.steeplechasecsa.com

The Steeplechase website continues to evolve and change. As the liaison with our website designer and host, I am always looking for suggestions for future enhancements and additions to our site. Send any ideas or suggestions to me at <u>davealison33@gmail.com</u>.

A few of the recent website changes include the addition of a "Calendar of Events", a revised <u>Alteration Request</u> form, and updates on committee membership and contact information. Also, as a result of the recent organization changes by our community management company, the email address and contact phone numbers for Community Management Associates (CMA) have been changed.

Many common questions asked by Steeplechase homeowners are covered in the **FAQ** section of our website. Questions covered include those about vehicle parking policies, architectural requirements, landscaping and property maintenance, and buying or selling a home in Steeplechase.

Access to the website is free and open to everyone. No password is required. Just log into <u>www.steeplechasecsa.com</u> from your home computer, laptop, tablet or smart phone.

#### Landscape

John Paravati

There have been some improvements to the Main Island. The Steeplechase Sign has been serviced and is now brighter. There have been three trees planted to replace the ones that were dying, also the annual flowers have been planted and the flags replaced.

It's been a challenging spring for the crew who cut the grass with all the rain and being short handed, so please be patient. For any issues that need addressed please contact John Paravati.

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#### Library

#### **Steeplechase United Book Club**

Many of us belong to book clubs. Reading a second book could become a chore. Since we have so many well-read residents, we've come up with a way to discuss books we've already read. For our first discussion chose your favorite book that was made into a movie. Some topics for discussion could be casting, where it was filmed, how it followed the book, what worked and what didn't work.

Moderating our club will be Brandon Taper, who joined the WPL staff in 2014. He's the Adult Service Coordinator, he's paid to have fun with strangers. I'm sure he'll have a lot of fun with us!!! Growing up his favorite television shows were All in the Family and Golden Girls so Brandon feels he has an ingrained appreciation of middle age cantankerousness and cheesecake. We are very fortunate to have Brandon join us. He'll be bringing young eyes and ears, his hipsterness and deep insights to our discussions.

Our inaugural club will be Friday, July 22, 11 AM at my house, 1023 Duncan Lane. Please email me by July 15 if you plan to come. My email is alfiechico1@gmail.com.

The Steeplechase Library has been busy this summer. I want to thank Marcia and Tracy Brandtner and Carol Wind for donating many current books to our collection. I hope you've enjoyed your many reads and look forward to hearing about them.

#### Welcome

Roseann Brown



Spring has been a very busy time in Steeplechase, and we have 8 new families to welcome to our community. New to Steeplechase are:

> Lucas Good, 5210 Lantern Hill Drive, Hasmija and Misrad Dobraca 5238 Lantern Hill Ext., Jose and Cora Guinto, 5515 Lantern Hill Ext., Joan Coyne, 3031 Duncan Lane Denise Boehm, 119 Paddock Lane Vincent & Kathleen Mackewich 4022 Belmont Lane Maxwell & Franz Schaefer, 70 Hennig Drive and Kathy Martin, 1001 Duncan Lane.

We wish you a very warm welcome, and we look forward to meeting you soon!

#### **STEEPLECHASE NEWS & ACTIVITIES**



July Lunch Bunch Thursday July 7, 2022 11:30 am Bravo Italian Kitchen 1500 Washington Rd Galleria RSVP by Friday, July 1st Maryann Ruffing 412-882-9274 August Lunch Bunch Friday August 5, 2022 11:30 am Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza 102 McDowell Lane McMurray 15317 RSVP by Friday, July 29th Betty Long 412-881-6841

#### **Steeplechase Board Meetings**

All meetings will be held at the Whitehall Fire Department on Weyman Rd.at 6:30 pm with the exception of the Annual Owner's Meeting which will be held at the South Hills Country Club beginning promptly at 7:00 p.m.

July 18, 2022	Board Meeting
September 19, 2022	Board Meeting
November 10, 2022	Annual Owners' Meeting



#### **ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

I scream. You scream. We all scream for Bruster's ice cream. What a relaxing way to spend a summer evening enjoying some yummy Bruster's ice cream and homemade cookies with friends and neighbors.

#### WHEN: Wednesday, July 20, 2022

TIME: 6PM - ???

WHERE: Driveway at 1069 Duncan Lane (also known as Carol's Corner) BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR

COST: \$3.50 for 2 scoops

Come and indulge your sweet tooth!!









#### **COUNTRY/WESTERN PARTY**

Yeehaw! All you cowgirls and cowboys gather round the chuckwagon for a B-B -Q buffet and be entertained by Patsy Kline impersonator, Cathie Rhodes. There'll be prizes for the best dressed cowboy and cowgirl, and we'll be playing Steeplechase version of team western jeopardy.

So come and join us for an afternoon of fun and surprises!

#### WHEN: Sunday, August 14, 2022

#### WHERE: Salvatore's, 5001 Curry Rd.

#### TIME: 1PM - 5PM Buffet will be served at 2:30PM

COST: \$25 for residents/ \$35 for guests (make checks payable to Steeplechase CSA)

MENU: B-B-Q chicken and B-B-Q ribs, macaroni & cheese, baked beans, antipasto salad, fresh fruit salad, assorted dinner rolls & butter. unlimited coffee, tea, iced tea, lemonade, and soda Cash bar available

Desert by Cibrone Bakery

RSVP: Sandy Gimiliano 105 Steeplechase Court 412-885-4207 or jsg1946@icloud.com by Sunday, August 7, 2022

No late reservations will be accepted. Reservations are not confirmed until payment is received.



#### **Steeplechase Communications and Social Media**

#### **Steeplechase Hotline**

The Steeplechase Hotline is staffed by resident volunteers. You can call the hotline 24/7 and leave your message. The hotline volunteer will return your call within 24 hours.

To access the Steeplechase Hotline, call the Community Management Advisors (CMA) main number **412-269-7800**, and when prompted to enter your party's extension, you will enter **142**#. You will be greeted by a recorded message asking you to leave your name, address, phone number, and a brief message.

The hotline instructions can also be found on the Steeplechase website, www.steeplechasecsa.com under "Notices".

Naturally, if you have any kind of emergency, you should call CMA at **412-269-7800**.

#### **Environmental Protection Committee**

Have a question? Call the SC Hotline or your representative listed below

Street	EPC Respresentative	
Caste Drive 5301 thru 5314 Lantern Hill Ext. 5508 thru 5540 Parkside Lane Steeplechase Court	Bill & Betty Long: 412-881-6841	
Duncan Lane	Scott Hinsch: 412-260-1146	
Lantern Hill Ext. 5228 thru 5506	Patty Barcic: 412-613-0599	
Paddock Lane Belmont Lane	John Paravati: 412-596-0535	
Hennig Drive Lantern Hill Drive 5215 thru 5226	Call the SC Hotline at 412-269-7800 Ext 142#	
Caste Drive5281 thru 5293Lantern Hill Drive5200 thru 5211	Call the SC Hotline at 412-269-7800 Ext 142#	

#### **Steeplechase Website**

Steeplechase Community Service Association (CSA) www.steeplechasecsa.com No login or password is needed to access the website.

#### **Steeplechase on Facebook**

The Steeplechase Facebook page can be found by searching for Steeplechase Pgh and then "Like" the page.

#### **Steeplechase Email Alerts**

We send E-Mail Alerts to remind residents of upcoming events and to pass along important information that can't wait for the next Newsletter. You can sign up to receive EMail alerts by sending an email to: SteeplechaseCommittees@outlook.com and note "EMail alert" in the subject line.

#### **Steeplechase Newsletter**

Steeplechase publishes a bi-monthly newsletter, Horse Tales, that is distributed to each household by mail. It contains committee information and current happenings. We send E-Mail Alerts to remind residents of upcoming events and to pass along important information that can't wait for the next Newsletter.

#### **Helping Hands**

The following is a list of Steeplechase residents who have volunteered to be "Helping Hands". If you need help with something like... running an errand, feeding a pet, collecting the mail, grocery shopping, etc., then call a "Helping Hand." We all have had times when small chores are just overwhelming.

#### Thanks to all of the volunteers!

If you would like to add your name to the list of "Helping Hands", please contact Judi Lewis at 412-818-0233 or 7799judilewis@gmail.com

#### If you need help, please call us.



Victoria Baker 45 Hennig 412-956-4500 Marilyn Beckstrom 1059 Duncan 412-881-1199 Mary Rose Chasler 111 Steeplechase Ct 716-679-5141 Jacie Eber 206 Parkside 412-841-9318 Michaele Fisher 4037 Belmont 412-819-0131 Diane Burkhart Kunkel 1033 Duncan 412-882-5384 Cathy McGinley 1015 Duncan 412-884-3629 Fay Sideris 5305 Caste 724-207-3137

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Director	John Paravati

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InternetDav	e Alison
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LandscapeJohn	Paravati
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SocialBe	tty Long
WelcomeRosean	n Brown

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Tammy Mersing, Extension 200# Email: tammy@cmamgt.com Website address: www@cmamgt.com

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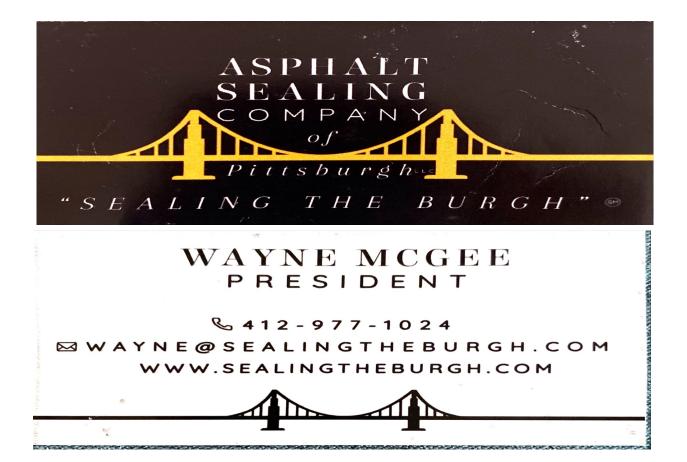
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# Now What?

**Finding yourself bored?** 

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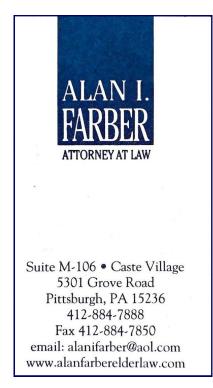
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We offer part-time positions with short shifts, flexible schedule. Employees have free use of the Fitness Center and Pool.

Fill out an application on-line at <u>www.providencepoint.org</u> or inperson at 500 Providence Point Boulevard, Scott Township

Need more information? Call Beth Wysocki at (412) 489-3511.





### Our Community Picnic











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#### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

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DATE	TIME	EVENT & LOCATION
July 7, 2022	11:30 am	Lunch Bunch
		Bravo'satGalleria
July 18, 2022	6:30 pm	SC Board Meeting
		Fire Department on Weyman Rd
July 20, 2022	7:00 pm	Ice Cream Social
		1069 Duncan Lane
August 8-5, 2022	11:30 am	Lunch Bunch
		Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza in McMurray
August 14, 2022	1:00 pm –	Country Western Party
	5:00 pm	Salvatore's
September 10, 2022	8:00 am – 2:00pm	Garage Sale
September 19,	6:30 pm	SC Board Meeting
2022		Fire Department on Weyman Rd
October 1 & 2,	10:00am-	Food Drive
2022	2:00 pm	1069Duncan Lane
October 15, 2022	TBA	Remember When (Group Trivia Game)
November 10,	TBA	Annual Homeowner's Meeting
2022		South Hills Country Club
December 10,		Christmas Party
2022		Salvatores